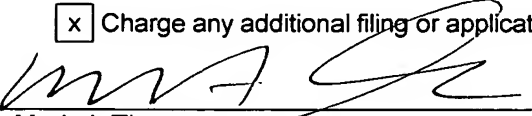




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In view of the Office Action dated April 14, 2006 please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.